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TAGS: ETRD, PFOR, IS, XF

SUBJ: FOOD AS A WEAPON

REF: STATE 217361

1. MAARIV, NOV 14, AFTERNOON PAPER CARRIED FOLLOWING PAGE 1 STORY UNDER HEADLING, "AMERICAN MINISTER: US MAY STOP FOOD SHIPMENTS TO THE MIDDLE EAST." "THE US GOVERNMENT MAY STOP FOOD SHIPMENTS TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN REACTION TO THE ARAB OIL EMBARGO." THIS WAS HINTED YESTERDAY BY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EARL BUTZ AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH HE HELD IN ROME.

IN REPLY TO QUESTION CONCERNING POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF US FOOD SHIPMENT POLICY, BUTZ SAID: "SOME BELIEVE THAT IN THE LIGHT OF THE PRESENT OIL SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST THE US MUST STOP FOOD SHIPMENTS TO THIS REGION." HE ADDED HOWEVER THAT THE US "HAS NOT DONE THIS FOR THE TIME BEING."

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2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BACKGROUND ON THIS SUBJECT;  
WHICH IS OF COURSE OF GREAT INTEREST HERE.  
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